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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write the above address, or call Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 614-0454.

Title: Research to Develop a Profile of Army National Guard Members.

Needs and Uses: This research will be a mail survey among Army National Guard members. The research will assist the Army National Guard (ARNG) in making the most effective use of its public relations, advertising and marketing budget for recruiting efforts. The research will help the ARNG and its advertising agency prioritize activities, focus their messages and understand the various segments of Guard members.

Affected Public: Individual or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 1500.

Number of Respondents: 6000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public relations, advertising and marketing activities can have a significant impact on recruiting and retention of Guard members. Recruiting and retention have been areas of concern in recent years for the Army National Guard. This research will assist the Army National Guard in making the most effective use of its budget for public relations, advertising and marketing activities.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Devils Lake, North Dakota, Emergency Outlet

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The 1997 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, Public Law (Pub. L.) 105-18, directed the Secretary of the Army to conduct preconstruction engineering and design (PED) for an emergency outlet from

Devils Lake, North Dakota, to the Sheyenne River. The PED authorization also required that an EIS be prepared. The construction of an emergency outlet was not authorized by Pub. L. 105-18.

Devils Lake is a terminal lake located in northeastern North Dakota. Devils Lake has a long history of a wide range of fluctuating lake levels. Since 1993, the lake has risen about 20 feet. Rising lake levels have resulted in damage to houses, businesses, infrastructure, transportation systems, and land uses. Significant expenditures of Federal, State, and local funds have been required to relocate structures and to raise and strengthen roads and levees. While these efforts will provide immediate protection, there is great concern that the lake could continue to rise. The Devils Lake Basin is a subbasin of the Hudson Bay drainage system, although Devils Lake has not contributed to the Hudson Bay drainage for many centuries.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the DEIS can be directed to: Colonel J.M. Wonsik, District Engineer, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Mr. Robert Whiting, 190 Fifth Street East, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1638.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEIS will assess impacts, identify areas of potential impact, identify mitigation features, discuss monitoring activities, and identify future activities associated with an emergency outlet from Devils Lake.

Significant issues and resources to be identified in the DEIS will be determined through coordination with responsible Federal, State, Canadian, and local agencies; the general public; interested private organizations and parties; and affected Native Americans. Anyone who has an interest in participating in the development of the DEIS is invited to contact the St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers.

Significant issues identified to date for discussion in the DEIS are as follows:

1. Natural resources including: fishery, wildlife, vegetation, wetlands, and riparian areas;
2. Cultural resources;
3. Water quality and quantity, groundwater, erosion, and sedimentation;
4. Federally and State listed threatened or endangered plant or animal species;
5. Social and economic resources;
6. Downstream intrastate, interstate, and international resources;
7. Native American and Tribal Trust resources and responsibilities.

Additional issues of significance may be identified through public and agency meetings. A notice of those meetings will be provided to interested parties and to local news media.

Construction of an emergency outlet would be considered major in scope. An outlet to the Sheyenne River has the potential to result in significant impacts. Our environmental review will be conducted according to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, Endangered Species Act of 1973, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and applicable laws and regulations.

We anticipate that the DEIS will be available to the public in the fall of 1998.

Dated: September 30, 1997.

J.M. Wonsik,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Program

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the ROD to implement the Proposed Action Alternative of the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Program in the Clearwater River Subbasin in Idaho. This decision is based on the analysis of the alternatives in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery (DOE/EIS-0213, July 1997). In the proposed action, BPA would build and the Nez Perce Tribe would operate two central incubation and rearing hatcheries and six satellite facilities. Spring and fall chinook salmon would be reared and acclimated to different areas in the Subbasin and released at the hatcheries and satellite sites or in other watercourses throughout the Subbasin. Fish would return to reproduce naturally in the areas where they are released.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD and EIS may be obtained by calling BPA's toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Leslie Kelleher—ECN-4, Bonneville